



## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. What is the purpose of the FY 2011 HSGP?**

The purpose of the FY 2011 HSGP is to provide a primary funding mechanism for building and sustaining national preparedness capabilities. HSGP is comprised of five interconnected grant programs: the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), and the Citizen Corps Program (CCP). Together, these grant programs fund a range of preparedness activities, including planning, organization, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and management and administration.

As part of the FY 2011 HSGP, DHS-FEMA identified three overarching priorities for SHSP and UASI:

- **Advancing “Whole Community” Security and Emergency Management:** “Whole Community” fosters a national emergency management approach and considers all aspects of a community to effectively prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against any terrorist attack or natural disaster.
- **Building Prevention and Protection Capabilities:** As terrorist threats have evolved, DHS has sought to detect and mitigate threats, such as home grown terrorism and foreign terrorist groups. DHS encourages the use of SHSP and UASI funds to support programs and initiatives such as the development and implementation of Fusion Liaison Officer Programs, the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI), and the “If You See Something, Say Something™” campaign.
- **Maturation and Enhancement of State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers:** One of the Department’s priorities is to support recognized state and major urban area fusion centers and the maturation of the Information Sharing Environment (ISE). Fusion centers serve as focal points for the receipt, analysis, gathering, and sharing of threat-related information between the Federal government and State, local, Tribal, territorial and private sector partners. Building a National Network of Fusion Centers helps law enforcement and homeland security personnel understand the local implications of national intelligence, so they can better protect their communities.

### **2. How much funding is available under the FY 2011 HSGP?**

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2011 HSGP will be \$1,289,296,132.

HSGP Programs	FY 2011 Allocation
State Homeland Security Program	\$526,874,100
Urban Areas Security Initiative	\$662,622,100
Operation Stonegarden	\$54,890,000
Metropolitan Medical Response System	\$34,929,932
Citizen Corps Program	\$9,980,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,289,296,132</b>

### 3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2011 HSGP funds?

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for HSGP funds. Prospective recipients for the suite of HSGP programs include the following:

- **SHSP.** All 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands
- **UASI.** The 31 eligible highest risk urban areas
- **OPSG.** Local units of government at the county level and federally recognized tribal governments in the states bordering Canada (including Alaska) or Mexico and states and territories with international water borders
- **MMRS.** All 124 cities currently participating in the MMRS program
- **CCP.** All 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

### 4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2011 HSGP?

The key milestones associated with the FY 2011 HSGP are:

- **May 19, 2011:** Release date for FY 2011 HSGP Guidance and Application Kit
- **June 10, 2011:** Deadline for OPSG subgrantees to submit applications to the SAA
- **June 20, 2011:** Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the SAA

### 5. How will the FY 2011 HSGP funds be allocated?

- **SHSP.** The allocation methodology for FY 2011 SHSP will be based on three factors: minimum amounts as legislatively mandated, DHS' risk methodology, and effectiveness. Each state and territory will receive a minimum allocation under SHSP using the threshold established in the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-53) (9/11 Act). All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will receive 0.355 percent of the total funds allocated for grants under Section 2004 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002* (6 U.S.C. §101 *et seq.*), as amended by the 9/11 Act, for SHSP. Four territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive a minimum allocation of 0.08 percent of the total funds allocated for grants under Section 2004 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended by the 9/11 Act, for SHSP.
- **UASI.** The allocation methodology for FY 2011 UASI will be based on DHS' risk methodology and effectiveness.

- **OPSG.** The allocation methodology for FY 2011 OPSG will be based on risk-based prioritization using Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Sector-specific border risk methodology to include, but not limited to: threat, vulnerability, miles of border, and other border-specific law enforcement intelligence, as well as feasibility of FY 2011 Operations Orders to designated localities within the U.S. border states and territories. FEMA will not be announcing allocations in advance for OPSG.
- **MMRS.** FY 2011 MMRS funding will be divided evenly among 124 MMRS jurisdictions who were recipients of past awards.
- **CCP.** The allocations are determined using the *USA PATRIOT ACT* (Public Law 107-56) formula, which specifies that all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will receive a minimum of 0.75 percent of the total available grant funding, and that four territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive a minimum of 0.25 percent of the total available grant funding. The balance of CCP funds are distributed on a population-share basis.

Per the 9/11 Act, states are required to ensure that at least 25 percent (25%) of appropriated SHSP funds and 25 percent (25%) of UASI funds are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.

## 6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2011 HSGP?

*The Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011* (Public Law 112-10) provided funding for this program.

## 7. Where is the FY 2011 HSGP Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2011 HSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

## 8. How will the FY 2011 HSGP applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **11:59 PM EST, June 20, 2011**. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. When applicants apply through <http://www.grants.gov>, the Standard Form 424 in the initial Grants.gov application will need to be submitted. The Standard Form 424 will be retrieved by ND Grants and the system will automatically populate the relevant data fields in the application. Because FEMA will need to conduct an initial review of the application prior to the submission deadline of June 20, 2011, grantees are encouraged to initiate and complete the Standard Form 424 submission within Grants.gov by no later than June 13, 2011. Upon the completion of the initial review, FEMA will determine whether an application should proceed further and the applicant will be notified to complete their submission by fulfilling additional application requirements (e.g., budget, Investment Justification, Work Plan, etc.) by no later than **June 20, 2011**.

The application must be completed and only final submission made through the ND Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov> will be accepted. If you need assistance registering for the ND Grants system, please contact FEMA's Enterprise Service Desk at (888) 457-3362. Applicants are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of

solicitation to ensure they have adequate time to start and complete their application submission.

**9. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?**

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or [askcsid@dhs.gov](mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to [ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).

**10. What is the FY 2011 HSGP period of performance?**

The period of performance is 36 months.